THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

Commission for Review of Administrative Laws

*332. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Commission to review all administrative laws;

(b) if so, whether due to cumbersome administrative laws, the common man has to face great difficulty in knowing and facing various laws;

(c) if so, the terms of reference of the Commission; and

(d) by when the Commission is likely to submit its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (d) The Government has set up a Commission on review of administrative laws in May, 1998.

The terms of reference of the Commission are as follows:

(i) To undertake an overview of steps taken by different Ministries/ Departments for the review of administrative laws, regulations and procedures administered by them, and the follow-up steps thereafter, for repeal and amendment.

(ii) To identify, in consultation with Ministries/Departments and client groups, proposals for amendments to existing laws, regulations and procedures, where these are in the nature of law common to more than one Department, or where they have a bearing on the effective working of more than one Ministry/Department and State Governments, or where a collectivity of laws impact on the performance of an economic or social sector or where they have a bearing on industry and trade.

(iii) To examine, in the case of selected areas like environment, industry, trade and commerce, housing and real estate specific changes in existing rules and procedures so as to make them objective, transparent and predictable.

(iv) To make on the basis of this exercise, recommendations for repeal/amendments of laws, regulations and procedures, legislative process etc.

The Commission has been given 3 months' time for submitting its report.

The Commission has been set up on account of the Government's perception of the problems faced by the public and the industry from the existing legal and regulatory framework, and the need to make it simpler and more transparent.

Release of Fund for Andhra Pradesh form NFCR

*333. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to sanction an amount of Rs. 831.32 crores as requested by the Government of Andhra Pradesh from the National Fund for Calamity Relief on account of exceptional and severe calamity in the State due to failure of monsoon in the last kharif season;